

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
 FRIDAY April 17, 1846. }  
 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
 April 17th, 1846. }

*To the Honorable Edward Burleson,*  
*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The committee on Engrossed Bills, have examined a bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of persons who shall write, print, publish or distribute, any thing having a tendency to produce discontent among the free colored population of this State, or insubordination among the slaves, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WM. T. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

Senator McKinney, Chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a joint resolution concerning roads in Robertson county, reported the same back without amendments, and recommended its passage.

Senator Williams, Chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
 April 17th, 1846. }

*To the Hon. Edward Burleson,*  
*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of R. M. Williamson, have considered the same, and are of opinion that he is without remedy at law, therefore report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

WM. M. WILLIAMS,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
 April 16th, 1846. }

*To the Honorable Edward Burleson,  
 President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the Governor to investigate the subject of the public domain, have considered the same, and instructed me to report, that in the opinion of the committee it is inexpedient to pass the same, therefore return the resolution to the Senate, and recommend its indefinite postponement.

WM. M. WILLIAMS,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
 Austin, April 16th, 1846: }

*To the Honorable Edward Burleson,  
 President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to lands lying in two or more counties, have considered the same, and instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

WM. M. WILLIAMS,  
*Chairman.*

Senator Phillips. Chairman of Select committee made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
 April 17th, 1846. }

*To the Honorable Edward Burleson,  
 President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Select committee, to whom was referred a bill creating the county of Titus, have examined the same, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and to recommend the passage of the substitute, with an amendment, consisting of the substitute for the first section of the substitute of the original bill.

A. H. PHILLIPS, *Chairman.*

The committee on County Boundaries, Senator Bourland Chairman, made the following report:

Committee Room, }  
April, 17th, 1846. }

*To the Honorable Edward Burleson,  
President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The committee on County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill transferring a part of the liabilities of Milam county to Burleson county, have had the same under consideration, and instructame to report the same without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Also, a bill to create the county of Upshur, with the following amendments, and recommend its passage:

After the word "point" in eighth line, first section, strike out the word "opposite" and insert the words "four miles west."

After the word "north" in ninth line, first section, insert thirty miles"—strike out all after the word "north" in said line to the word "be" and insert "thence east to the Cypress bayou, and with the same to the place of beginning.

JAMES BOURLAND,  
Chairman.

Senator Miller introduced

A bill to incorporate the Colorado and Wilson Creek Rail Road Company.

Read 1st time.

Senator Wood introduced

A bill to amend an act concerning divorce and alimony.

Read 1st time.

Senator McKinney introduced

A bill to prevent deeds and transfers to real estate, being admitted to record, where the taxes have not been paid thereon.

Read 1st time.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill to authorize the Governor to cause the Constitution and certain laws to be translated into the German language.

As also to a bill to create the county of Angelina.

The House refuses to concur in the amendments made to the

Bill to authorize Chief Justices elected on the first Monday

in February last, to continue in office until their successors are elected.

And had passed

A bill to incorporate the society of Free Masons.

A message was received from the Governor, informing the Senate, that he had approved

A bill to designate and officially name the persons who shall be conservators of the peace.

An act for the regulation of pilots.

Also transmitting two several communications in writing one of which was made the special order of the day for tomorrow 10 o'clock, and the other the Senate proceeded to consider in executive session.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the punishment of persons who shall print, publish, or distribute, any thing having a tendency to produce discontent among the free colored population, or insubordination among the slaves.

Read 3rd time and passed.

Amendments of the House, to a bill to authorize the settlement of disputes by conciliation or arbitration—concurred in

A bill to create the county of Newton; read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in the United States Congress, to procure the passage of a law for the relief of mail contractors.

Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to declare what officers shall give certificates of elections in Senatorial elections, in districts composed of more than one county.

Senator Phillips moved to strike out "Goliad" and insert "Refugio."

Carried.

Senator Bagby moved to strike out "Bowie" and insert "Red River."

Bill read 3rd time passed.

Senator Phillips, Chairman of Select committee, to whom was referred a bill for the organization of the counties of San Patricio and Nueces, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to enable parties having unsettled business with the late Republic, to settle the same.

Referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to define the residence qualifications, of certain officers therein named.

Read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A joint resolution authorizing E. G. Rector to sell his donation claim.

Read 2d time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill creating the county of Henderson—read 1st time.

A bill for the relief of John Karner—read 2d time, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to provide for the registration of deeds and other instruments, executed out of the State.

Read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

The Senate refused to recede from their amendments to

A bill to authorize the Chief Justices elected on the first Monday in February last, to continue in office until their successors are elected.

And on motion, a committee of conference was appointed, composed of Senators Grimes and Jewett.

A bill to have the lines surveyed between the counties of Robertson and Limestone, Limestone and Leon, and Limestone and Navarro.

Read 2d time and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

A bill to incorporate the city of Corpus Christi—read 2d time and passed to 3rd reading.

On motion of Senator Grimes, the bill for the relief of John Thom, was taken up and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Senator Scott, the bill regulating proceedings against persons accountable for public monies, was taken up and referred to committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator McNeel, the resolution to adjourn *sine die*, was taken up.

Senator Grimes moved to lay it on the table.

Senator McNeel moved a call of the House.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Jewett, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow 9 o'clock A. M.